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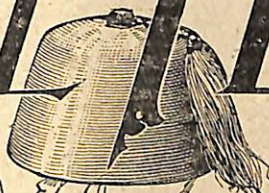

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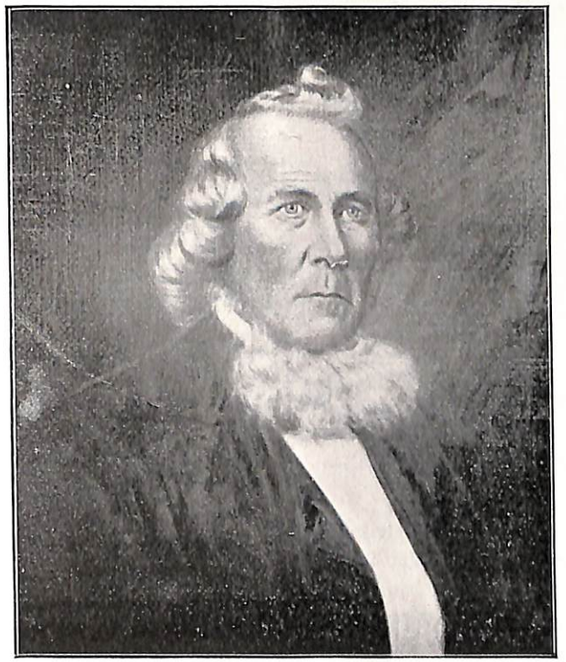

HON. PRIESTLY H. McBRIDE,
GRAND MASTER OF MISSOURI.—1839-1844.

A GOD-FATHER TO IOWA.

It is with pleasure and the permission of the Grand Secretary, that we present this month the portrait of Hon. Priestly H. McBride, the Grand Master of Masons in Missouri, when the Grand Lodge of Iowa was organized in 1844. His name was attached to the first charters of Muscatine, Burlington, Dubuque and Iowa City lodges. He has long since passed away, but the good work began under his administration still marches on.

From a biographical sketch published in the Annals of Iowa for 1893, we find this final item: "Priestly H. McBride, Past Grand Master and Past Grand High Priest, a member of Twilight Lodge No. 114, and Columbia Royal Arch Chapter No. 17, died at Columbia, Boone county, Mo., May 21, 1869, at the age of 73 years; he was buried with Masonic honors."

Judge Luse, who has had such a hard siege of sickness of one kind and another for some months past is just able to be out, trying to gain some strength and find some comfort in the invigorating breeze. The many friends of the Judge deeply sympathize with him in his struggle to regain his health, and if words could be effective, he would in the twinkle of an eye, be restored to his old time vigor, but that will not heal. All wish him renewed strength and health. —Iowa City *Herald.*

To the casual observer the most striking characteristic of Free Masonry is that it has had the power to attract to itself in all eras of which we have any record of its progress many of the greatest and best men who are known to fame in the world's history. To the uninitiated it is amazing that the most intellectual scholars, the bravest generals, the ablest theologians, the most accomplished architects, the most gifted men of letters and the noblest princes and potentates have all been proud to be members of the Masonic fraternity.—*C. P. MacCalla.*

THE EARLY HISTORY OF IOWA MASONRY.

IV.

GLEANINGS FROM THE ANNALS.

[BY THE EDITOR.]

The Grand Lodge met in Iowa City in its second grand communication January 6, 1845. The four original lodges were represented, and Wapello, Marion and Hiram under dispensation. The Grand Master's address called attention to the suggestion that funds should be set apart for the starting of a Masonic Library. Five dollars were appropriated to this purpose and this was the initial fund that has since steadily grown until Iowa has the largest and finest Masonic library in the world.

Mount Pleasant Lodge, under dispensation, was represented at the afternoon session of Jannary 6. Charters were granted on the 7th to all the lodges under dispensation and their numbers fixed as 5, 6, 7, and 8. The dispensation of Clinton lodge, of Davenport, was continued for another year. The official seal of the Grand Lodge was adopted at this communication on Jan. 8. The officers elect for the ensuing year were Oliver Cock, Grand Master; Ansel Humphreys, Grand Senior Warden; Jno. Hawkins, Grand Junior Warden; B. S. Olds, Grand Treasurer; T. S. Parvin, Grand Secretary.

The appointed officers were C. H. Booth, Deputy Grand Master; W. R. Talbott, Grand Chaplain; J. R. Hartsock, Grand Senior Deacon; S. C. Trowbridge, Grand Junior Deacon; J. F. Hanby, Grand Tyler; J. N. McKenny, Grand Sword Bearer; Wm. Abbe, Grand Parsuivant; A. S. Hampton, Deputy Grand Secretary. The foundation of our present Grand Charity Fund was laid this year and the possibility of an orphan's school was favorably considered. The addresses of the Grand Master and the Grand Orator were ordered furnished to the secular press for publication. We notice that Masons not members of any subordinate lodge were required by Section II of the Grand Lodge By-Laws to pay dues into the Grand Treasury, in the same amount as those who were affiliated; non-compliance worked forfeiture of the privileges of visitation. Returns of such were made by No. 2 this year. Two hundred copies of the proceedings were ordered published.

The total receipts were $25,500 and the expenditures $11,400.

The returns show 52 initiated, 45 passed, 38 raised and 10 admitted. Total membership 172, 1846. The Grand Lodge met in Iowa City again. All the chartered lodges with Farmington, Keosauqua under dispensation were represented. Clinton lodge seems still to have been laboring under great difficulty to keep up their organization. Their dispensation was continued another year. A National Masonic Convention had been held at Baltimore in 1843, and in 1845, Iowa approved of its purposes and adopted its rules of organization. This year the proposition to hold another such convention was approved of, and it was agreed to appoint a representative to attend the convention in Winchester, Va., in May, 1846, provided no expense be incurred thereby.

The officers elected this year were Grand Master, G. W. McClary; Grand Senior Warden, Wm. Reynolds; Grand Junior Warden, J. F. Kinney; Grand Treasurer, B. S. Olds; Grand Secretary, T. S. Parvin. The appointed officers were Deputy Grand Master, J. R. Hartsock; Grand Senior Deacon, Wm. Abbe; Grand Junior Deacon, J. M. Morgan; Grand Chaplain, p. 97, Vol 1, W. R. Talbott; Grand Marshal, S. C. Hastings; Grand Sword Bearer, David Rorer; Grand Stewards, J. W. Isett and F. Hancock; Tyler, J. F. Hanby; Grand Pursuivant, S. H. Tryon; Deputy Grand Secretary Hampton continued.

The question of an orphan school was again reported upon, and again referred to a committee to report next year.

Brother Parvin, in behalf of the officers and members of Clinton Lodge, U. D., Davenport reported that owing to the same causes as last year (death and removals) no business or work could be done. To remedy the trouble it was ordered that the dispensation be continued one year and that such brethren as desired to do so might withdraw from Iowa No. 2, and unite with Clinton lodge to help them out.

Robert Lucas was elected an honorary member of the Grand Lodge.

One hundred copies of the proceedings were ordered printed.

The returns show 11 lodges and 248 members.

(*To be Continued.*)

FOOT TO FOOT.

When we calmly consider the responsibility that every brother voluntarily assumes toward every other, we wonder how the most important features can be seemingly so easily forgotten. There may be occasions of supposed extreme occasion, when a man would overlook the duty one brother owes to another, when by the incidents of business, politics, or religious difference he may be impelled to act against the fraternal obligations he owes, but we do not refer to these. Our observation is drawn from occasions where the plain, ordinary duty has been violated in coarse, causeless, dishonorable disregard of the mystic ties. Where in merest wantonness of spirit or to satisfy inordinate ambition for preferment, one brother will pull down another to raise himself to a supposedly higher level. However satisfactory the apparent results may be, the final experience of all such is certain and final. The outside world is sometimes only just in its criticism of the sentimental cause of allowing such men to advance among us, and the craft will sooner or later rid the ranks of such heartless and false brethren. These know not the five points of fellowship.

FROM SAM C. DUNN.

SIOUX FALLS, South Dak., Oct. 6, '95.

Rev. J. W. Geiger.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—Having a little time this evening after hearing the Salvation Army, which, by the way, made me feel a *little* religious, I began to think if I had not neglected to do something that I had ought to have done, and my mind drifted back among my christian friends left behind in Iowa, and strange as it may seem I remembered that I promised you a letter when I got settled down, and I will now give you a few items of news masonically as I find them out here in traveling over the state. I have visited quite a number of Lodges and am pleased to note that they are all doing good square work, and most of them in good condition financially. Their Lodge rooms are all neatly and nicely furnished, and am pleased to see that quite a number have commenced to collect libraries, and establish reading rooms, which are supplied with Masonic Literature, and are a pleasant resort for the brethren, evenings. Brother Parvin will have to look out for his laurels, as Brother Levay, of Webster, in this state, (by the way he is G. H. P., of South Dokota) is hard after him in gathering up a library of his own. He is a good collector and is very careful to get the best, as I see in the front rank "THE FREEMASON AND FEZ," together with other leading Masonic publications; also Bro. Sanborn, of Aberdeen, and Bro. Blatt, of Yankton, and P. G. M., T. H. Brown, of Sioux Falls. It does me lots of good to go among the brethren of Dakota and hear the words of praise for our own Iowa Library, and then hear them all speak words of friendly feeling for Brother Parvin. He is a household word among Dakota Masons, "none know him but to love him, none speak but in his praise."

Last week was State Fair week out here, and on Tuesday evening the Odd Fellows, K. P's., and A. O. U. W's., combined and had a parade on the streets, which all pronounced grand, but on Thursday evening the Shriners turned out two hundred and fifty strong, with their camels, red lights, black stone, goats, floats, carriages, hurdles, four bands, banners, etc., and gave the grandest parade I ever looked on, and I have seen a few of them. Then they marched back to their rooms, where some twenty or more fellows, with myself among them, had their curiosity worked up to that pitch, that they followed the gang up stairs to their room, and were duly initiated into all the mysteries. I cannot, neither can my pen describe the case. None but the initiated can comprehend it. You know that I am built to enjoy lots of fun, and usually have it, but this caps the climax, and now I do not wonder that when two or more Nobles meet they always laugh. I hope you will try and get out here and give us a lecture, and I think we can get you a good list of subscribers, and maybe prevail on you to remain with us.

I expect to visit Yankton on the 8th to attend a Consistory meeting, as I understand they have quite a class to go through. My wife writes me that she gets your book regularly. Give my regards to the Iowa boys and assure them that though I am absent, I have not forgotten them; also remember me to Mrs. Geiger and father and mother and N. R. Parvin, and the boys.

I will visit Iowa in about a week and may call.

Yours,

S. C. DUNN.

MARION TEMPLE.

This goodly structure is rising in fine form in our home city and will soon be ready for dedication. It will be a cause of just pride to know that our Masonic bodies will soon have a home superior to most and second to none in goodly Iowa. Marion is moving forward. We trust and believe each brother and sister will contribute their share to its success. All lift up!

MASONIC LIBRARY.

Dr. Parvin, Grand Secretary, goes to Washington, D. C., Oct. 17, to attend the Supreme Council Scottish Rite. He very much regrets the necessity to be absent from the two Grand Chapters in Iowa this month, but says the changes of date prevent his presence.

A magnificent new revolving case for the display of valuable documents, aprons, etc., has been placed in the building. It is double faced glass and gives one hundred spaces for the display of contents. It was made in New York and is an ornament to the Library.

Everything is being shaped for the comfort and convenience of visiting Masons and their friends, who may wish to call and consult the vast treasures of our Library.

LUCIAN WOOLDRIDGE BROWN.

Those among our Masonic brethren who are members of El Kahir Temple know that royal spirited Noble and brother Austin D. Brown, Chief Rabban and Acting Potentate of the Temple. He is also widely known and respected by a large circle of acquaintances in and out of Iowa among the traveling men, of whom he was until lately one of the most successful. He has an ideal home, a model wife, and until Saturday morning, Oct. 5, two bright children were the light of this golden circle. For several months Lucian, their nine-year-old son, an exceptionally bright beyond his years, had been in very poor health, and many times he seemed near death's door; but within a few weeks new hopes were revived in the hearts of the loving parents for he seemed to grow better day by day, even going out to ride in pleasant weather. Alas, how quickly all has changed. Late Friday night, Oct. 4, the nurse aroused the family to tell them that hemorrhages had set in and Saturday he passed away to leave the father broken hearted and the sweet mother prostrated with grief. On Tuesday, Oct. 8, in company with our Assistant Rabban C. H. French, we bore to our dearly beloved friend and his wife an offering of flowers, and personally officiated in the last sad rites, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Lusk, of the Baptist church of Manchester, of laying to rest the dear form of their beloved son. God, the compassionate, the merciful, minister to this afflicted couple the consolation no human tongue can utter or mortal hand administer. The services were held at the house, where about a year ago all was aglow with life as we halted enroute for Dubuque to receive the hospitality of Mrs. Brown, the Manchester Shriners, wives and ladies. A large company of people attended the services and all testified their profound grief and their high regard for the afflicted household. The friends from a distance were a brother and sister of Mrs. Brown from Macan, Mo. Other relatives were resident in Manchester.

From the *Manchester Press* we glean the following additional information just as we are about to go to press:

"The death of a little boy has rarely made a more profound impression of sadness upon any community than that experienced by the people of Manchester in the passing away of Lucian Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Austin D. Brown. The little fellow, always so gentle and courteous, always willing and affectionate, died last Saturday, having rounded out nine short, happy years. His sickness was a protracted and severe one, yet through it all he showed the spirit of a man. No language, prompted by whatever earnestness of sympathy, can explain away that dreadful feeling of loneliness that has settled down into the hearts of the father and mother. The kindliest of hands have done all that the kindliest of human hearts have prompted, but the great heart of the Savior who created and has received the soul of the child can alone place the seal of resignation upon such a grief as this. The funeral, held at the house on Tuesday afternoon, was attended by a great number of those anxious to show, in some manner, the genuineness of their sympathy. Rev. John Westley Geiger, of Marion, who officiated during the services, was assisted

in the ministration of the last rites by the Rev. C. F. Lusk, of this city. Many and lovely were the floral offerings from relatives and friends at home and abroad, and from the school-mates of the little boy.

Among the relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Austin D. Brown, who came to attend the funeral of their son, Lucian, were Mrs. Herbert Doneghy, of Macon City, Missouri, and Mr. J. W. Wooldridge, of Mexico, Missouri, sister and brother of Mrs. Brown; Miss Stella Spear, of Westgate; Dr. C. H. French, of Cedar Rapids, an official in El Kahir Temple, of which Mr. Brown has been acting as Illustrious Potentate, since the death of Cyrus W. Eaton. Miss Maggie Mills also came home from Macon City, where she had gone for a visit."

GLEAMINGS.

[From the Report on Fraternal Correspondence, Iowa Grand Lodge, 1895.]

"The non-affiliate is still a source of great annoyance, and the best way to deal with them is taxing the brains of nearly every jurisdiction. One good way to lessen the evil is to make fewer Masons, and have quality and not quanity. Let investigating committees use more precaution and circumspection, and not be too ready to report 'favorable,' and we shall have fewer 'demitted Masons' "—*British Columbia.*

"The Ideal of Freemasonry is difficult of attainment. We are humane, and humanity is very weak and imperfect. But we are not good Masons if we do not strive to the best of our ability to exemplify our professions by a practical record we from day to day are making. We are prone to boast of the antiquity of our order, to descant in grandiloquent terms upon its stability and world-wide diffusion, and, with pardonable pride, to grow eloquent in referring to its lofty aims and the everlasting principles on which it is founded. But the practical and important for each of us is whether, by reason of being Masons, we are better men than we would have been if we had not been Masons."—*Canada.*

"The real enemies of our institution are not those who attack us from without, but those within the fold who bring discredit on us, and greatly lower our moral standard."—*Deleware.*

"Brethren, let us take the Holy Bible as our guide and chart; by a strict adherance to the tenets as taught therein, it will make a man a good Mason and a better citizen, and fit us for the various duties in this life to God and our fellow-man, and enable us to prepare for life eternal, and when we have finished the designs upon the great trestle-board of life, and our Great Grand Master shall sound the gavel to each of us for the last time, may we be prepared to enter into that Supreme Celestial Grand Lodge, 'that building not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.' "—*Florida.*

"There is no sin in all the catalogue of sins that there is less excuse for practicing than is the sin of profane swearing. It is strongly condemed by the word of God, and by all good Masons, and is made a cause for punishment even to the highest degree. It is reprehensible in any one who has knelt at our alters, but it is disgraceful in the extreme for the Master of a lodge, to whom his brethren look for light and instruction. It cannot be too strongly condemned, or be too severely punished."—*Kentucky.*

"So long as the average Freemason don't realize the immeasurable indifference between Freemasonry and all other human socities of today, so long as he fails to understand what its past is and to comprehend what its future should be, so long as he continues to endeavor to bring into Freemasonry the characteristics of the innumerable other societies he belongs to, so long as he tries to have us imitate our imitators, drifting away from our landmarks, ancient regulations, and old-time customs, just so long will reviewers be valuable and necessary. One needs no eagle eye to discover the heresies that have crept into our institution within fifty years, some of which we have exploded, and others of which we are still hammering at. He is blind, we think, who can't see that the 'Noble Grand' and the fast and loose membership feature of another very excellent, but modern society, have had their effect upon us—who can't see that our own cable tow has been shortened by the measured relief prescribed by other organizations—who can't see that our simple white gloves and aprons are being transformed into the gaudy uniform of the drum-major—and so on indefinitely.' "—*Nebraska.*

A MASONIC INCIDENT.

JEWELS OF A SHREVEPORT LODGE TAKEN DURING THE WAR TO BE RETURNED.

An incident of the recent triennial conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar at Boston is being related by those members of the Louisiana Commanderies who have returned from the trip.

A gentleman called at the Louisiana headquarters one day asking if any representatives of Shreveport lodges were in the Louisiana delegation. It happened that Sir Knight Aitkens, of Ascension Commandery, was present, and to him the gentleman, himself a Templar and a resident of Boston, told the story of a set of valuable and handsome lodge jewels which he had in his possession and which he desired to transmit to the rightful owners.

It appears that during the war some of the Union soldiers operating around Shreveport looted the Masonic lodge room there and carried off the lodge ornaments and paraphernalia. In the days of luxury and plenty prior to the war the Southern lodges had expended their funds liberally upon such fittings, and the jewels of this particular lodge were massive and expensive specimens of the goldsmith's art. By some means the entire set of jewels remained intact and chanced to come under the observation of the gentleman's father, who secured and retained them with the intention of some day making restitution to the rightful owners. Offers had been made him at various times for the purchase of the trophies, all of which he had persistently refused.

At the father's death the jewels fell into the possession of the son, who, later, becoming a member of the Masonic fraternity, took steps to carry out the father's wishes and his own.

The result of the interview with Sir Knight Aitkin was that correspondence has been opened concerning the matter, and the jewels will soon be deposited with the Shreveport blue lodge.—*Square and Compass.*

HIGH AND LOW TIDES.

There is a vast difference in men, and among men who are Masons, too. With some, when you meet them once, they continue to be the same steady brother and fellow through the years, while with others it is like the rush of the rising waters of the sea (written out on the prairies) all noise and splutter and enthusiasm while the tide is coming in and while all goes their way and while they have the offices and honors. The high tide Mason is never found "enduring all things, hoping all things," he deserts the ship when the pleasure of the occasion wanes for him, he "pulls off" when the tide is low and the strong ties of the fraternity are as nothing to him when it crosses his own selfish will. The individual who is only active when all goes well is not the safest dependence of the Order, and when such refuse to labor the cause will suffer maybe, but it will not die.

Brother Sidney Smith is now with *The Saturday Record*, of this city, and is as spry and chipper as ever. Give him your items and advertising and he'll do the rest.

FULL MASONS.

Without quoting some author who refers to the reading and thinking man having certain advantages, we appropriate the figure of speech for the good of our brethren. No man can realize the fullest benefit of the institution without reading and thought. Mere acquaintance with the working forms or a great glibness in rounding off the ritual does not evidence the fullness we refer to. To keep fully up to the progress the Order is making *one must read.* The Masonic Journal will be a help and has become indispensible to true fullness. The Histories of Masonry, now extant, especially the later editions, are equally valuable and helpful. The Monitorial and other books for instruction, should be familiar with the thoughtful progressive Mason.

The official proceedings of the various grand bodies and general grand bodies of the order should come under the reading of the person who aspires to be regarded as efficient in Masonic lore. We believe the younger brother should lay down for himself a consecutive order of reading in order to acquire a full fund of information. The following order may well be adopted:

1. Carefully post with an instructor approved by the Master. Insist on efficiency.

2. Subscribe for the Masonic periodical representing your own jurisdiction or Order.

3. Purchase the *Monitor* (Webb in Iowa) and read, mark and learn it till it be inwardly digested.

4. Get a Standard History of Freemasonry. It covers usually all its branches. Read it topically.

5. Establish a private library keeping all printed matter on Masonic subjects together; keep and have bound all proceedings of various bodies and with frequent study of these try writing short articles on subjects of interest for the enrichment of your own mind.

Cast in your mite when the call is made for the good of the Order. Let it be the echo of a mature filling of the mind and an evidence of the pressure from within of more of the same kind, and better too. We should perhaps have named before all other works, the Holy Bible, the great light in Masonry. Here to have a true idea of the beautiful symbolism of Masonry, the Bible must be studied; studied carefully in those parts which refer to the traditional ornamentation of Masonry. With all these, and this last most of all, the Mason who follows will find a helpful fullness that will give him more light in Masonry and more pleasure in working and acting as such in all places.

NOT WELL TAKEN.

In an able paper read before a religious body, not long ago, we heard given as one of the reasons why more men do not attend church, their devotion to "secret societies" and clubs. This set us to thinking, and after careful thought we could not find a place for the holding of the assertion against the fraternities of our acquaintance and especially Freemasonry. The assertion was not well timed. We are glad to say from a long experience and without prejudice that no well informed Mason ever substitutes his affiliation with his lodge for the religious duties he owns to owe to his Maker. Yea, more, we are glad to testify that wherever we have lived and labored as a minister the fraternal tie has been helpful to bring us together rather than to separate us. The true Mason should be in the highest and noblest sense a religious man. His true sense of the advantage of it will lead him to attend as often as the opportunity offers the house of God for worship. We need to exercise patience toward the extravagant charges often made against the Masonic institution and always likely to do more harm than good. In every such instance it will do no harm to religion, and we trust none to any good cause, yet it is none the less illy timed.

THE BLACK-CUBE FIEND.

To the legitimate use of the prerogative of rejection we have no objection whatever, so to this class the following words will not smack of offense. Unworthy material comes too often from the quarries bearing no evidences of moral skill or unprejudiced recommendation. We most heartily unite to heave all such back whence they came. But, there is a use to which the black (ball) cube is being put, that should arouse the voice of the Masonic press and every grand lodge to take steps to head it off ere irreparable damage be done. The fiend we write of is a black mailer of the most dangerous type because what he can thus do secretly he'd be too cowardly to do openly. He uses the prerogative against men for personal reasons; because they are competitors or customers of such in his line of business; because they differ with him politically; because they differ with him religiously and so on down to the petty spite bred in a back fence discussion of differences that true men must perceive are in no instance proper reasons for the rejection of a candidate. He perches betimes upon the altar, and vows, nobody shall come in until I have my way, and there in plain sight of all, taking no evidence except to speak it out, he stops the growth and strangles the lodge of which he unfortunately is a member. We can see no landmark that requires the unlimited privilege of rejection without the right of review, or the exaction of a reason where there is a glaring evidence of injustice to a worthy candidate. We simply hope we can get help enough to drive the evil one out and when he is without, get the door closed against him.

BUY A NEW FEZ.

There are still a few of these fine imported fezes in the hands of the Recorder and if Nobles want to renew their head gear these are the best. Price, $3.50, carriage paid.

PREFERMENT.

We are not entering a controversial field when we present our views on the above question. In all Masonic bodies or their concordant relatives there is intended to be no favoritism in the selection of those who shall bear office among us. The disposition to claim that any man or woman *is in the succession* is fallible and mistaken. No person has a particular claim to preferment, nor ought he or they to feel wounded because the choice for preferment falls upon another. To be sure where this supercession is brought about by methods such as we could name the parties to were it necessary, where they, feeling secure in their prospective authority, proceed to discuss and decide who shall be exalted and who abased. This would naturally cause friction, and cannot help but bear its legitimate fruits. Modesty in these matters becomes the great, and the small among us as well. It should be a virtue of the Grand as well as the subordinate officers. Those who stand in their places with the power to decide should unite to preserve the landmarks intact and the parity of all members of the same degree. In our choice of office bearers not geographical lines, not the good fellow features, but fitness and aptness for official service should be the rule of choice. The well-being of the cause is endangered by too much political method and too strong leaning to the idea of "succession" in office, and the fitness of the men to rule their peers too often left out. Let us have the right way no matter who wants any other.

We note with pleasure the favorable and prosperous condition of the Masons and Odd Fellows Union Aid Association of Manchester, Iowa. Flattering acknowledgments of prompt payment are given by Mrs. Kate Thomson and Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Prowse, who were beneficiaries of deceased members.

THE LODGES.

GRAND LODGES MEET.

Iowa, Boone, June 2, 1896.

MASONIC VETERANS' ASSOCIATION

The Masonic Veteran Association of the United States, held a meeting in Masonic Temple, Boston, during the Triennial, Edward A. Sherman, of California, presiding. Twenty-five new members were added to the list, and the constitution was amended. The election of new officers resulted thus: President, S. Stacker Williams, of Newark, O.; Vice-Presidents, Theodore S. Parvin, of Iowa; Mark R. Mukle, of Pennsylvania; John C. Smith, of Illinois; Joseph Kellogg, of Oregon; Richard Lambert, of Louisiana; William A. Love, of Georgia; Lawrence C. Greenleaf, of Cleveland, O.; George R. Metcalf, of Minnesota. Commander, James W. Staton, of Kentucky; Secretary, Wm. R. Bowen, of Omaha, Neb.; Treasurer, George L. McCahan, of Maryland; Chaplain, Rev. Thos. Melish, of Ohio; Orator, John W. Clark, of Maryland; Stewards, J. E. Moses and D. H. Wheeler, of Nebraska. The next meeting will be held at Baltimore, Md., during the week of the meeting of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States in 1897.—New York *Dispatch.*

CUSTODIAN'S SCHOOLS.

We aim to keep standing the regular appointments of the Grand Custodian, Brother Geo. B. Van Saun, and we shall have his corrections each month.

Dear Brother Geiger:

I am now fully started in the work for the fall, and will be on the move as best I can lay out routes in the different sections of the state.

On account of invitations being scattered, I will be obliged to travel over the same territory several times during the Masonic year. Since writing you last month I have received calls from Modale, Alton, Van Meter, Ocheyedan, Fonda, Hedrick and Prairie City. I am now filling appointment at Riverside and will visit Atalissa on October 10 and 11, to fill engagement.

The following is my revised list of appointments, some of which may be changed by request of those interested:

Ossian, October 18 and 19.
Elkader, 21, 22 and 23.
Lynnville, October 29, 30 and 31.
Grinnell, November 1 and 2.
Fonda, November 5 and 6.
Sheldon November 7, 8 and 9.
Alton, November 11 and 12.
Akron, November 13 and 14.
Ocheyedan, November 15 and 16.

Thus the good work goes on and I trust the results will be readily apparent to the growth of our beloved Institution.

Yours fraternally,

GEO. B. VAN SAUN, V. C.

GONE TO DENVER, COLORADO.

Brother Joseph S. Wright, on Saturday, September 28, 1895, by the advice of his physician and accompanied by his wife, left Philadelphia for Denver for the benefit of his health, where it is hoped he may be speedily restored to his normal condition, that of a strong, robust, vigorous man. For several years Bro. Wright has not enjoyed good health, and during the present year, he seemed to be gradually declining. He not only goes to Denver by the advice of his physician in the expectation of being restored to health, but he goes freed from the anxiety of "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" or "Wherewithal shall we be clothed." This relief, voluntary and spontaneous, is from a body who make no claims to be Masonic, but which is composed only of Masons, and whose feelings of brotherly love prompted them to their laudable actions to one so worthy of their confidence and esteem, and noble response made to the appeal made on behalf of one so worthy and needy.—*Keystone.*

The Shrine is the "body who makes no claim to be Masonic." It is unnecessary to say more. The act speaks for itself. If it is not Masonic, it teaches the very best Masonry.—*N. Y. Dispatch.*

COMMANDERIES.

CONCLAVES.

Grand Encampment, Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 1898.
Iowa Grand, Templar Park, July 14, 1896.
Illinois Grand, Springfield, April 21, 1896.

THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

"The age of chivalry is indeed gone," wrote Montaigne. "We have piled away its helmets and its spears, but its blazonry is invested with a more poetic charm. Still, we love the past. We love the heroic in man's history. We hate to divest it even of its fictions. The independent spirit of chivalry, bent on the accomplishment of lofty ends, without calculation of chances or fear of failure; so generous in action, so munificent in courtesy, so frank in friendship, and so gallant in danger, must ever have rare attractions to the enthusiastic and aspiring."

The revival of Knight Templary, the "crack regiment" of Freemasonry, in this country, is clearly attributable to that love of the past, that love of the heroic in man's history.

One of the foremost Craftsmen of this Grand Masonic Jurisdiction, who is also a Knight Templar, said, in a speech before the Grand Lodge, a few years ago, that he wished to God, for the good of Masonry, that there had never been such a thing as the "higher Masonic bodies." Still, the fact is beyond contradiction that the Knights Templar of the United States are a body of men who have only been enabled to enter that Order after they have proved themselves to be Christians and good citizens. In their ranks are to be found many of the best men in this country. As an Order, it has a reputation for performing deeds of charity and pure beneficence that could not be broken down, if one desired. Whether or no "the higher Masonic bodies" have proven injurious to Ancient Craft Masonry is a subject that presents a wide field for discussion. It is our opinion that in all cases where a man's admiration for them has caused him to neglect his Blue Lodge, they have proven harmful.

Undoubtedly there are many people who scoff at men who dress in strange garb and parade in public, but there is so little of the picturesque in the daily lives of the English speaking races, that even if Knight Templary gave us only shows, we ought to be thankful. The Order, however, does more than parade. It is bent on the accomplishment of lofty ends; its rules embody munificence in courtesy, and frankness in friendship. If they lived up to its teachings, many of our Blue Lodge brethren might belong to it with advantage to themselves and the world in general.

The triennial conclaves are subjects of general interest to Americans, and the Boston conclave was the most successful of any yet held. The beautiful and historic city on the New England coast deserves the highest praise for the way in which she managed to accommodate her guests, and the hospitality she showed to them once they were within her gates.—*Masonic Record.*

The Commandery at Manchester has a number of candidates for the orders coming and they are much encouraged.

The coming of better times will find many pilgrims on their way to the Asylum, and there is no doubt of the benefit to be there derived.

The Commanderies of Iowa need not feel ashamed of their general equipment or membership when compared with other states. We're all right.

It is no reflection upon a man to be rejected in his application for any degree or order of Masonry. 'Tis a lesson of patience and perseverance and the end aimed at if laudable will be the better for the experience.

AMENDED STATUTE.

At the last annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Iowa, paragraph 30, section 3, was amended to read as follows:

This Grand Commandery shall hold its stated conclave annually at Templar Park, Spirit Lake, Iowa, during the second week of July, known as "Templar festal week," unless otherwise ordered by the Grand Commandery at a preceding annual conclave; unless by reason of emergency or for good cause, the Grand Commander shall see fit by general order to change the same.

"Special conclaves may be called by the Grand Commander at such times and places as he may order."—*An. Proc. 1895, 36-7.*

EXAMINATION IN RED CROSS.

A Resolution was adopted making it necessary for all companions of the Red Cross, to pass an examination *in open commandery* or before a special committee of three Sir Knights, and be declared or reported proficient in the manual of the sword, facings, marchings and the cuts, signs, grips, and words of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, before they can receive the Order of the Temple.—*An. Proc. 1895, pp. 36, 44.*

GRANT'S TACTICS.

Grant's Tactics (twelfth edition) was adopted as the official tactics for the grand jurisdiction of Iowa.—*An. Proc. 1805, pp. 38.*

That portion on page 296 of Grant's Tactics reading "left in front" was changed for Iowa, to "right in front."—*An Proc. 1895, pp. 52.*

A committee of three (Sir Knights E. O. Soule, James A. Guest and Geo. W. Bever) was appointed to compile in convenient form the tactics necessary for the work in the asylum, as given in "Grant's Tactics" twelfth edition, and publish the same, after being approved by the Grand Commander. —*An Proc. 1895, pp. 38.*

THE SMALLER LODGES.

We have often wondered if the problem, in part a social one too, of the place of the Masonic lodge in the smaller towns and cities might not be solved if some features now seldom seen were more widely added. We of course do not mean that the "work" should be slighted or business rushed through in order to get at the club phases of the lodge; but none the less, here is an open field, and Masonry is most competent to occupy it. On the parlor table of every Lodge should be found a good selection of Masonic and current literature; comfortable chairs, good lights and various games might be included, but particularly the frequent brief discussion, readings and recitations from Masonic literature and authorities. There are always points of Masonic law and usage that may prove a source of interest to discuss, and what if once in a while there be a Masonic family party at which all the members of the Masons' families who can be present. What pleasant songs, what cheery recitations, what pleasant conversations are lost for want of these opportunities of the smaller lodges. The practice of some to have a general lecture has paid and the encouragement of local talent to express itself in the hearing of all, would undoubtedly add to the interest of all. Let the smaller lodges open up their latent resources and find how much good they can do.

The *American Tyler* advocates a quarterly pass-word to head off the Masonic tramp, so says the *Texas Freemason.* We hope that such a step will never be taken in Iowa.

No more elaborate or tasty Templar notices reach our table than those sent out by St. John's Commandery No. 4, of Philadelphia, Pa. We notice that every feature necessary to completeness is noted by Sir Geo. W. Kreamer, the efficient Recorder.

THE ROYAL ARCH.

CONVOCATIONS.

General Grand (U. S.) Baltimore, Md., ——, 1897.
Nebraska, Omaha, Dec. 11, 1895.

We go to press too early to give the report of the Grand Chapter in this number, but shall have the usual amount of interesting matter for next month.

THE CHAPTERS.

With the return of fall and winter weather we hear of renewed activity in the capitular degrees, and shall hope to give interesting information of work being done throughout Iowa.

The Custodians report growing interest in better acquaintance with the work in this department of Masonry in our state. The schools conducted by them at Grand Chapter are always helpful and instructive.

THE COUNCILS.

We desire in this department to give such information as we may be able from time to time, of work in the "Cryptic Degrees." We have room here for the discussion of the present manner of working these degrees in connection with the Chapters, and whether or not we should affiliate with the General Grand Council.

By the time this number is in the hands of our readers the Grand Chapter of Iowa will have been in session at another annual convocation. Whether there will be any definite action looking to separation or not will depend upon the activity of those who favor the making of this magnificent branch of Masonry what it ought to be and what it can be made, equal with and in affiliation with the General Grand Council of the United States. Let work be resumed in the S. V.

The Knights Templars & Masons Life Indemnity Co. wants an agent for every Masonic lodge in the state of Iowa. Address L. P. Bowes, General Agent, Eldora, Hardin Co., Iowa.

THE EASTERN STAR.

GRAND BODIES MEET.

Iowa Grand Chapter, Charles City, October 23-24, 1895.

THE GRAND CHAPTER TO MEET IN ANNUAL SESSION AT CHARLES CITY.

The Grand Chapter of Iowa, Order of the Eastern Star, eighteenth annual session, will convene in Charles City, Oct. 22, for a three day's session. The order in Iowa now has 149 chapters in good standing, and upwards of 8,000 members. Almost every county is represented in the list. Excelsior chapter of Charles City, will give an opera party to the delegates on the evening of Oct. 22, on which occasion the Roberts-Martin Co., will give "Faust" at the beautiful Hildreth opera house.

The regular session of the grand chapter will open at 10 a. m., Wednesday, Oct. 22, in the Hildreth opera house, and will continue two days. The grand officers are:

Grand Matron—Mrs. Sarah E. Woods, Mt. Pleasant.

Grand Patron—E. B. Dyke, Charles City.

Grand Associate Matron—Mrs. Jennie A. Rule, Mason City.

Grand Associate Patron—D. W. Swartz, Keokuk.

Grand Treasurer—Mrs. Ella L. Haughton, Red Oak.

Grand Secretary—Mrs. Maria Jackson, Council Bluffs.

Grand Conductress—Mrs. M. B. Rathbun, Clinton.

Grand Associate Conductress—Mrs. Delia Meredith, Newton.

Grand Chaplain—Mrs. O. N. Williams, Charles City.

Grand Adah—Mrs. Kate Breckner, Waterloo.

Grand Ruth—Mrs. Dora B. Eldridge, Knoxville.

Grand Esther—Mrs. Fanny M. Severs, Stuart.

Grand Martha—Mrs. Alena Hinkle, Fairfield.

Grand Electa—Mrs. Louisa Bosworth, Ames.

Grand Warder—Mrs. Emma Capell, Ottumwa.

Grand Sentinel—Theodore Schreiner, Mt. Pleasant.

On Wednesday evening, Excelsior Chapter, of Charles City, which is one of the largest in the state, will exemplify the work of the order. Large delegations will be present from the chapters of all the neighboring cities and towns. Charles City is preparing to give the delegates and visitors a royal welcome, and reports so far received by the committees indicate an attendance of from three hundred to four hundred. The headquarters will be at the Hildreth Hotel, which is one of the finest hostelries in the state. It gives reduced rates per diem. All the leading railroads have granted round trip rates of one and one-third fare on the certificate plan. The session will be a busy one, as much important business will come before it.

GEN'L. GRAND CHAPTER ECHOES.

From *The Eastern Star* we have been able to glean some items of interest from the Proceedings of the General Grand Chapter at Boston, Mass.

NEW DEGREES.

On this subject the Grand Matron in her address says: "During the past two years I have had several Rituals submitted to me for approval, the writers of which style them "Higher Degrees of the Eastern Star." It is to be regretted that the writers have made a prerequisite for petitioners to have a membership in the Eastern Star, as it gives the impression that our Order endorses the degrees. In some cases members have printed on their cards their Eastern Star standing, and ranking this the "Higher Degree." We cannot prevent the gentlemen making degrees, but we feel that they have no right to engraft them upon the Eastern Star as higher degrees. I have refused to give my approval to any of them. The General Grand Chapter approved of this action.

It was ordered that the prayers of the ritual instead of *extempore* ones be used.

The Worthy Patron, when he takes the work of initiation in hand should take the chair of the presiding officer.

The total assets of the General Grand Chapter amount to $10,241.03.

The total membership is 110,635.

The time and place of the next meeting was left to the first five officers to report one year before the time.

The signets are to be sold by the R. W. Grand Secretary the same as the Rituals and not to dealers and individuals.

Cedar and Marion Chapters (the heavenly twins) U. D., are moving right along. Cedar has about 30, and Marion a few more members with a number to initiate in both.

The good judgment exhibited in both these Chapters is, not to hasten to get numbers, but to keep at work regularly so as to improve in ritual and business capacity. Marion Chapter *always* opens in form.

Keep the higher idea of Masonic membership before those who seek to enter in, 'tis easier to keep out than to weed out bad material.

We notice the presence of that royal Mason and Shriner, Bro. L. W. Reese, agent of the National Masonic Accident Association on our streets, and we bid him welcome. The National is about to introduce a two hundred weeks benefit policy, and with its well known business integrity we know it will win. Those who want accident insurance see Brother Reese.

The Masonic bodies of St. Louis are about to commence the erection of a magnificent Temple; it will be of marble and ten stories high.

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TO THE CRAFT.

For three years past we have been trying to build up a Masonic journal for the craft in Iowa that we might well fell proud of. We do not know if we have met the expectations of all, but we have done the best we could with the means at our command. We are now passing through a difficult place on the rough road and we want your help; not charity, but co-operation. If each brother would get one other brother in Iowa to join him in sending in his subscription, we would be out of danger from relapse, and if the representatives of our Grand bodies would remember to send us their announcements it would greatly aid us. Within the coming three months we shall solve the problem of going forward or backward, or of going under. Which it shall be depends on the help of our brethren in the great jurisdiction of Iowa.

The proposition to establish a National Masonic University with an endowment of fifty million dollars is such a large scheme that it is well to take three years to think it all over and then to ponder a while.

MASONIC FEELING.

An intimate relationship exists between Freemasons. A feeling of confidence. A chord of sympathy. A kind of family kinship that draws one near to the other and establishes a bond of union, strong and abiding. It comes from the fact that all have dwelt under the same canopy, have tasted the sweet waters of the same fountain, and have a language of their own. How beautiful is a relationship so tender, a kinship so extensive! How dreadful that this beauty should ever be distorted or marred by the unworthy! How painful that the confidence which the secret chord of sympathy establishes should be abused! A bad Mason is like the renegade son of a noble father. The good name of the household is injured by his acts of insubordination and his reckless living. The proud father is hurt to the innermost heart, and he bows his head in shame, not for any action of his own, but that one bearing his name should bring it into disrepute. Often the gray hairs come too early and the broken heart wears out the body in its youth. And so the great family of Masonry is hurt when one of its members goes astray.—*New York Dispatch.*

It is sometimes objected to Masonry that many of its members are unworthy men, which is doubtless true. We make no apology for unworthy men in Masonry or in the church, or anywhere else. It is too true that unworthy persons are found in all good organizations, but it is one of the worst forms of wickedness to seek the name and protection of that which is good. Masonry owes all its beautiful and sublime lessons to Christianity, for Christianity exceeds it as the sunshine exceeds the moonlight—there is no conflict between them. The Christian man will be a better Mason because of his spiritual light, and the sincere Mason will soon see his need of the spiritual life to satisfy his soul.—*Rev. Smith Baker, East Boston, Mass.*

AMONG EXCHANGES.

"*The Investigator*," published at Manchester, Iowa, by A. L. Beardslee and M. Beehler, has entirely changed in form and now gives a large amount of general reading matter as well as the fraternal miscellany.

The National *Masonic Accident Reporter*, of Des Moines, Iowa, was issued September 1, 1895. It is devoted entirely to the interests of the National Masonic Accident Association.

A Chicago lady, formerly of Cedar Rapids, is the *Midland Monthly's* October type of midland beauty. The inside workings of The Associated Press, illustrated by the famous artist, Carpenter; the Rhine journey by the editor, with thirteen pictures; a strong paper by a brother of Edwin Coppoc (who was hung with John Brown), charging the poet Richard Realf with the betrayal of Brown; "Lincoln as a Lawyer," with Robert T. Lincoln's favorite picture of his father; Col. Keatley, on The Canoe Life of the Alaska Indians; a vivid picture of the Battle of Allatoona, and four good stories, are announced as leading attractions in the October *Midland Monthly*, Des Moines. This is a magazine to include in your list for '96.

SYMPATHY.

It is a blessed result always to have the spirit of kindly regard for those who are suffering among us. Sorrow comes alike to the rich and the poor, and the pitiful cry for sympathy is to be heard everywhere. We may well pause amid the hum of busy work in the mountains and the quarries to bind up the wounds and give words of brotherly love to those among our number who have been stricken with loss or pain or woe. Here more than in the wide world of fraternal duty can we enhance the ties that bind us into one common band or brotherhood. To show this regard for the sorrows of others will always enlarge the heart of pity within us, and as we know not how soon we too may have some great sorrow, it is like a precious ointment upon the head, to pour out freely, even at some expense of time and means, this richer blessing of fraternal sympathy. In this busy world the temptation is strong to look upon our ties as merely formal and ritualistic. The duty to share our love and sympathy is as strong as any other item of the binding obligations under which we are held to each other. Let us have all the high and noble beauty of Masonry expressed in all its varying hues, but above all let us show by our sorrow with those who weep how deeply the doctrines of the brotherhood have taken root within us.

THE HERO.

To be a hero must you do some deed
With which your name shall ring the world around?
With blade uplifted must you dare to lead
Where armies reel on slopes with lightning crowned?
Or must you set for polar seas your sails,
And chant the Arctic's silent realms of snow?
Or drag your barge through virgin streams in poles
Of undiscovered lands? I tell you no!
Who is earth's greatest hero? He that bears
Deep buried in his kingly heart his lot
Of suffering; and if need be, he that dares
Lay down his life for right, and falters not.

—*Henry Jerome Stockard.*

Masonry has made men better. It has led them to aim at a higher and purer life. It has made them appreciate a nobler manhood. It has made them understand better the problem of living. It has taught them how to die. It has permeated the whole world with its pure principles. It has raised the fallen and rescued the depraved. It has clothed the naked and fed the hungry. It has built homes for the homeless and asylums for the sick. It has educated the ignorant and sheltered the fatherless. It has helped the church to ameliorate the condition of unhappy humanity. Its influence has benefitted government, in establishing justice and destroying despotism. Its silent work has been felt in the very pulsation of a better morality in the community. Its history is illustrious.—New York *Dispatch*.

...The FEZ....

Devoted to the Interests of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in North America.

CHARLES L. FIELD,
IMPERIAL POTENTATE A. A. O. N. M. S., FOR NORTH AMERICA.

THE FEZ.

TRIBAL GATHERINGS.

Imperial Council, Cleveland, Ohio, June 16, 1896.
El Kahir, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, (Annual) Dec. 11, 1895.
Perry, Oct. 22, 1895.
Kaaba, Davenport, Iowa, Annual.

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OUR IMPERIAL POTENTATE.

Illustrious Noble, Charles L. Field, of San Francisco, California, was chosen to the high office of Imperial Potentate of the Imperial Council of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America at the annual session held at Nantasket Beach, Mass., on September 2, 1895. We are sorry not to have a Masonic sketch of this eminent leader of our nobility at this time. He served as Imperial Deputy in 1893, and has always been popular among his peers. We present elsewhere a lifelike portrait of his handsome face which we use by permission of the Imperial Recorder. Under the wise guidance of this leader we hope for renewed activity and continued growth during the present Imperial year. Hail to the Chief!—*Es Salamu Aleikum.*

AMONG THE TEMPLES.

RAJAH, Reading, Pa., had a fully elaborated notice out for their meeting of October 9.

MURAT, Indianapolis, has an invitation to attend the dedication of Saladin on the 18th, and they will hold a meeting Friday, Nov. 29.

EL-KAHIR, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, held a meeting in Eldora, Hardin county, Oct. 2, and have another booked for Perry, Dallas county, Oct 22, 1895.

OASIS, Charlotte, N. C. This young Temple starts out with a meeting on October 18. The usual paragraph about shortage on dues is in the notice, which it seems is $3 per year.

LU LU, Philadelphia, Pa., held a meeting for business and ceremony on Oct. 2, at their home and has another booked for Trenton, N. J., for Oct. 30, when they expect an enjoyable gathering.

MEDINAH, Chicago, Ill., spreads her magnificence before us, in a double notice for October 11, for home work and for the 18th, to go to Grand Rapids to join in the dedication of Saladin's new temple.

SALADIN, Grand Rapids, Mich., presents for Oct. 18, an elaborate invitation to the Nobility to attend the dedication of their new "Mosque." The illustrations are of an unusually "high" and startling order.

MEDIA, Watertown N. Y., gives notice of a meeting for October 21. We admire the business taste of Recorder Coon, in sending out a plain business document instead of the usual effort to outdo shape, colors, and sizes, that we often meet with. We always liked Media and we admire their *Coon.*

KAABA, Davenport, "holds onto the rope" with a neat notice of a meeting, Nov. 12, 1895, at their home temple, to celebrate the Moolid of Younas Ibu Said-ed Dean, the renouned Sheik of Cairo.

DAMASCUS, Rochester, N. Y., sends out a neat notice in red and black, for a meeting of their temple on Oct. 9, 1895, in honor of Sitt Joowaireeyah, daughter of Harees-Ibh-Abee-Zeerar, (long since dead to be sure).

MOHAMMED, Peoria, Ill., celebrated the mysteries of the elect and noble, on October 8th, including a "Boston Fish Fry." Recorder Wallace asks a pertinent assistance in requesting Nobles to suggest names to whom to send printed matter. He's a hustler.

ALMAS, Washington, D. C., presents a notice in straw-paper, in red and black, of a meeting Oct. 14, 1895, in honor of Moolid Es Sitt Fatmeh en Nebawieh! daughter of the Prophet. We admire the pull the Recorder has on his members. Four of Alma's members have entered the unseen temple this year.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

This greater feast of El Kahir will lose none of its ancient attractiveness this year. The date is Dec. 11, 1895. Nobles who have petitions in sight should send them in to the Recorder at the earliest possible moment *with the fees.* Due notice will be served upon all.

PASSPORTS.

It is becoming customary for Temples visited by Nobles from without to ask for their passport in addition to the diploma. Your Recorder will fill out one for you gladly if you will pay up to Dec. 31, 1895. The New 1896 passport will be ready by the annual meeting Dec. 11.

EL-KAHIR TEMPLE.

As this Journal now reaches every Recorder in America each month, and goes into the hands of a large number of nobles regularly; we have decided to use this column for such official announcements as may be deemed necessary from time to itme.

JNO. W. GEIGER, Recorder.

MISSING NOBLES.

Somewhere amid the sandy wastes of the desert, the following members of El-Kahir have been lost, and as they are not in possession of Passports of good standing, Recorders of Temples will confer a favor if they will notify us whenever one turns up among his flock. Our own Nobles can aid us by giving information about either of the following:

NAMES.	LAST POST OFFICE.
Herbert L. Sill,	Chicago, Ill.
H. W. Flower,	Minneapolis, Minn
Edward N. Pickering,	Marshalltown, Ia.
Wm. L. Moore,	Iowa Falls, Iowa.
H. T. Lauderbach,	Vinton, Iowa.
Abner Graves,	Chicago, Ill.
G. S. Lister,	Marshalltown, Ia.
Dedrick Van Aken,	Bridgeport, Conn.

EL KAHIR ABROAD.

This Temple, as earlier announced, went to Eldora with a working force on October 2, and had a royal good time while there. A fine reception was given at the Iowa Industrial School and the local press aptly describes the rest as follows:

THE SHRINERS.

GIVEN POSSESSION OF ELDORA AND ROYALLY BANQUETED.

ELDORA, Oct. 3.—The Shriners captured the town yesterday. The visitors were given possession of the hotels, halls, carriages, and in fact the whole town. Sixteen applicants took the Shriner's degree last night. Work was finished about midnight, after which all repaired to the Universalist church, where the ladies of the Ascension Chapter 158, Order Eastern Star, had prepared a banquet. About 150 covers were

laid, and the Shriners were so well pleased with the menu, that after paying $1 a plate they took up a thank offering of about $30 and presented it to the ladies. The following program was carried out:

Invocation—Rev. G. S. Gowdy.
Music—Industrial School Band.
"Our Oasis"—Brown.
"The Shriner's Pilgrimage"—Martin.
"The Sands Were Hot, the Rope was Long, etc., he Knows."—Miller.
"Shriner's Times and Ties."—Geiger.
"How Goes the Hour."—Bever.
B. J. Mills—Toast Master.

Eldora claims the distinction of having the oldest and the youngest Shriner in the state. Rev. G. S. Gowdy is 86 years old and Edward Nuckolls is 21.

TO THE NOBILITY.

For three years we have been trying to solve the problem of a publication of which the members of the Order need not be ashamed. It's harder than coming down hill, and we're too poor to go it alone. You can help us by getting another Noble to give his subscription and thus double the number of subscribers among the Shriners. We are compelled to face a difficult question (for a preacher!) whether we can go forward or backward or fall down in our effort to do something for the good of the cause. We've no money out of it and don't expect any, but we do want to support the cause, and we promise that every cent paid for subscriptions shall go to improve the Fez and give those who help us the benefit of a first class journal.

R. R. ROBINSON ILL.

While in Manchester, Oct. 8, we were informed that scant hopes were held of the recovery of Brother and Noble R. R. Robinson of that city and county, Auditor of Delaware county. He is a young man and Mason of more than ordinary attainments and it is with grave concern that we hear of his dangerous illness.

IMPERIAL DOCUMENTS.

We have received the Constitution and Law of the Imperial Council revised to September 3d, 1895. The skill and ability of Imperial Recorder B. W. Rowell is displayed in the general get up.

The Imperial Proceedings for 1895, of the Nantasket meetings are in hand, and we peruse them with great enjoyment. A full review at this time is impossible but we hope to note some of the contents in another place of this number.

We have also received the Gregorian and Mohammedan Calendars for 1895–6, and 1313–1314, respectively. They are arranged so that the exact day in either can be ascertained and named. It is invaluable to Recorders of Temples.

CONCURRENT JURISDICTION.

By the action of the Imperial Council, N. M. S. for North America held Sept. 2, 3, 1895, concurrent jurisdiction was declared in the state of Iowa for both resident Temples.

Applications for membership may now be presented from anywhere in Iowa, without the formality of a waiver, and members may continue to adhere to either temple, as they may desire. By this action El-Kahir Temple can hold meetings for business and ceremony wherever in the state of Iowa it may be deemed expedient to go.

Potentate Jos. S. Wright, of Lulu Temple, Philadelphia, was given a surprise serenade by the Lu Lu band on his return from the Imperial Council. 'Tis said "Joe" was at a loss for words, for once.

Kora Temple, of Lewiston, Me., tendered a royal reception to our Imperial Potentate, Chas. L. Field, on Sept. 7, while he was on a visit there. Charley married his wife at Lewiston, and was once a resident of the pine tree state.

THE PERRY CARAVAN.

JAMAZ UL AWWAL, 5TH MONTH, 3D DAY, A. H. 1313, ANSWERING TO OCTOBER 22, A. D. 1895. DISPENSATION GRANTED.

PEE SAU SHENEE.

It has pleased the Imperial Potentate, Illustrious Charles L. Field, to grant us a special dispensation to act upon all petitions received at this meeting.

CONCURRENT JURISDICTION.

By order of the Imperial Council held at Nantasket, both Temples in Iowa now have concurrent jurisdiction, and applications can now come without waiver from any part of the state. A good thing, push it along.

Bring your fez and claws. Don't forget that a Noble in the parade without his fez will be mistaken for a novice, and might get tangled in the rope.

DIRECTIONS FOR PERRY.

The Official Train leaves Cedar Rapids at 7:40 A. M. on October 22, via the C., M. & St P. Railway, going on Train No. 3 from Marion to Perry. Junction points will be passed as follows: Tama, 9:44; Pickering, 10:10; State Center Junction, 10:36; Melbourn, 10:40; Slater, 11:48; Madrid, 12:01 P. M., arriving at Perry at 12:55 P. M.

The parade will be formed on arrival and the line of march will be through the principal streets to the Masonic Hall. All in uniform will disrobe here.

Dinner will be served immediately in the hotels (rates $2.00 per day).

Business meeting in Masonic Hall at 4 P. M., sharp. The ceremonial session will be opened in Breed's Opera House at 7:00 P. M.

Our music will be furnished throughout the afternoon by the celebrated Perry band and at the banquet by the Mandolin club.

The banquet will be served by Perry Chapter No. 142, O. E. S.

Entertainment for all who remain over night will be provided at the hotels.

RETURN TRIP.

The special train will leave Perry at 2:30 A. M., Wednesday morning, running to Cedar Rapids by about 7:30 A. M. Special trains will run over the other lines, for which local information should be sought.

Applications should be placed in the Recorder's hands in the Masonic Hall parlors by 3:30 P. M., and earlier if possible.

Fezes will be on sale by Noble William Elsom in Masonic Hall.

Dues will be received during the day at the Recorder's table in Masonic Hall.

If you don't see what you want, ask for it.

RATES.

The rates for tickets to Perry and return over the C. M. & St. P. Railway are one and one-third fare; certificate plan. Meet the official train if you can, but get there.

SEND WORD.

As far as possible, send word of your coming to W. H. Chandler, Chairman of local committee. A postal will do.

'Tis so ordered.

'Tis so announced, AUSTIN D. BROWN,
JNO. W. GEIGER, Acting Potentate.
Recorder.

I'll be there, E. I. ALDERMAN,
Director.

A few moments chat with M. W., Bro. G. B. Van Saun, our Visiting Custodian, on Oct. 7, gave us the information that the fall work of Masonic Schools opens up with vigor and interest. We have his promise for regular itineraries of all his appointments for the season as heretofore.

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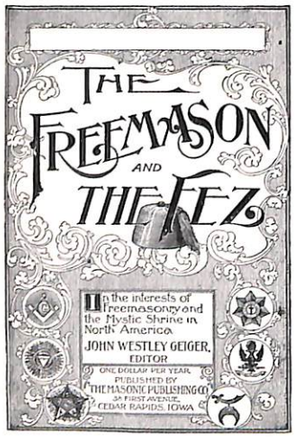

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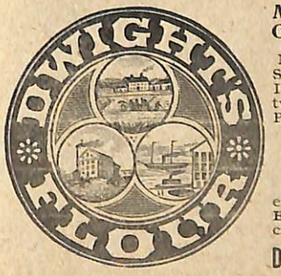

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